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## INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

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**Box No. I Basis of the report**

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
  - This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
    - international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
    - publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
    - international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the **elements\*** of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

**Description, Pages**

1-145 as originally filed

**Claims, Numbers**

1(part), 2-32 as originally filed  
1(part) received on 09.01.2006 with letter of 06.01.2006

- a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing
3.  The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
    - the description, pages
    - the claims, Nos.
    - the drawings, sheets/figs
    - the sequence listing (*specify*):
    - any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*):
  4.  This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
    - the description, pages
    - the claims, Nos.
    - the drawings, sheets/figs
    - the sequence listing (*specify*):
    - any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*):

\* If item 4 applies, some or all of these sheets may be marked "superseded."

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## Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

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1. The questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non-obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been examined in respect of:

- the entire international application,  
 claims Nos. 29-31 (industrial applicability)

because:

- the said international application, or the said claims Nos. 29-31 relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination (specify):

**see separate sheet**

- the description, claims or drawings (*indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (*specify*):  
 the claims, or said claims Nos. are so inadequately supported by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.  
 no international search report has been established for the said claims Nos.  
 the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing does not comply with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions in that:

the written form

- has not been furnished  
 does not comply with the standard

the computer readable form

- has not been furnished  
 does not comply with the standard

- the tables related to the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing, if in computer readable form only, do not comply with the technical requirements provided for in Annex C-bis of the Administrative Instructions.

- See separate sheet for further details

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**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

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1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims	1-32
	No:	Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims	1-32
	No:	Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims	1-28,32
	No:	Claims	

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7):

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**Re Item III**

Claims 29-31 relate to subject-matter considered by this Authority to be covered by the provisions of Rule 67.1(iv) PCT. Consequently, no opinion will be formulated with respect to the industrial applicability of the subject-matter of these claims (Article 34(4)(a)(I) PCT).

**Re Item V**

**1. PRIOR ART**

Reference is made to the following documents:

- D1: WO 03/061651 A  
D2: EP-A-0 375 210

**2. NOVELTY**

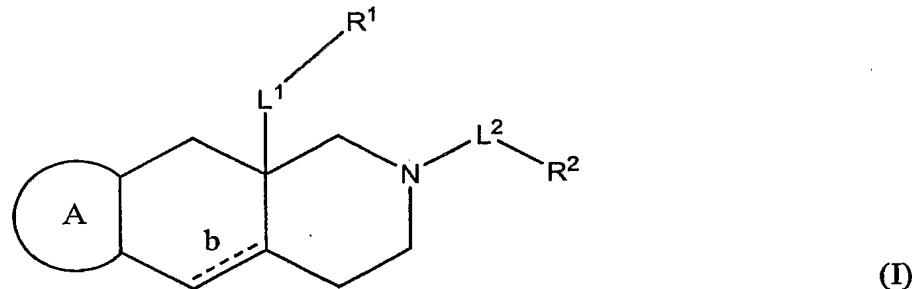
The subject-matter of the claims is novel (Article 33(2) PCT). D2 discloses in claim 1 a generic formula which differs from the generic formula of present claim 1 in the substituent R1 of the present application.

**3. INVENTIVE STEP**

The subject-matter of the claims can be considered as involving an inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT). The document D1 is regarded as being the closest prior art to the subject-matter of claim 1. It discloses tricyclic ligands for the corticoid receptor, which differs from the present compounds in that only one of the rings is heterocyclic, no isoquinoline moiety is present. The problem to be solved by the present invention is seen in the provision of further tricyclic derivatives as ligands for the corticoid receptor. In view of the experimental part and the other information as given in the description, it can be assumed that this problem has been solved for those compounds as disclosed in the claims. The prior art D2 gives no indication that the disclosed compounds possess an activity as ligands for the corticoid receptor. Therefore, D1 and D2 together would give no information, which would motivate a man skilled in the art to arrive at the present invention.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A compound having the formula:



2       wherein,

3       L<sup>1</sup> and L<sup>2</sup> are members independently selected from a bond, -O-, -S-, S(O)-,  
 4           -S(O<sub>2</sub>)-, -C(O)-, -C(O)O-, -C(O)NH-, substituted or unsubstituted  
 5           alkylene, and substituted or unsubstituted heteroalkylene;  
 6  
 7       the dashed line b is optionally a bond;  
 8       the ring A is a member selected from substituted or unsubstituted 5 to 6  
 9           membered heterocycloalkyl, and substituted or unsubstituted heteroaryl;  
 10      R<sup>1</sup> is a member selected from substituted or unsubstituted alkyl, substituted  
 11           or unsubstituted heteroalkyl, substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl,  
 12           substituted or unsubstituted heterocycloalkyl, substituted or unsubstituted  
 13           aryl, substituted or unsubstituted heteroaryl, -OR<sup>1A</sup>, -NR<sup>1C</sup>R<sup>1D</sup>, -  
 14           C(O)NR<sup>1C</sup>R<sup>1D</sup>, -C(O)OR<sup>1A</sup>, wherein  
 15           R<sup>1A</sup> is a member selected from hydrogen, substituted or unsubstituted  
 16           alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted heteroalkyl, substituted or  
 17           unsubstituted cycloalkyl, substituted or unsubstituted  
 18           heterocycloalkyl, substituted or unsubstituted aryl, and substituted or  
 19           unsubstituted heteroaryl;  
 20      R<sup>1C</sup> and R<sup>1D</sup> are members independently selected from substituted or  
 21           unsubstituted alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted heteroalkyl,  
 22           substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl, substituted or unsubstituted  
 23           heterocycloalkyl, substituted or unsubstituted aryl, and substituted or  
 24           unsubstituted heteroaryl,  
 25           wherein R<sup>1C</sup> and R<sup>1D</sup> are optionally joined to form a substituted or  
 26           unsubstituted ring with the nitrogen to which they are attached,